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1. The Slovak Democrats have been receiving their most active support from the Czechoslovak National Socialists since the Communist-manuevered resignation of the Slovak Board of Commissioners on 31 October. The National Socialists are urging the Slovak Democrats to appoint Dr. Josef Lettrich, their party chairman, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Jan Ursiny. The Slovak Democrats, however, are suggesting Kocvara for the post.
2. The National Socialists have requested Mgr. Sramek to pledge the support of the People's Party in the fight against the Communist attempt to give portfolios in the Slovak Board of Commissioners to trade unions and revolutionary organizations. Sramek has authorized National Socialist leaders to contact Deputy Chairman Hala and Executive Secretary Klimek and convey to them his desire that the resignation of the Board of Slovak Commissioners not be accepted and that non-political organizations not be given representation in the Government.
3. The National Socialists are uncertain exactly what stand Hala will take, but feel that the views announced by Sramek and Klimek may compel him to cooperate. There is a possibility, however, that Hala may actually desire the dissolution of the Slovak Democratic Party as a step toward strengthening his own People's Party.
4. The National Socialists have obtained from President Benes a statement that, if only two of the moderate parties will stick together on the issue, he will refuse to sign any Cabinet decree calling for a drastic change in the structure of the Czechoslovak Government.

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